GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF HAND PUMPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Union Government for installation of hand pumps in rural areas;

(b) the number of hand pumps installed in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during 2003- 2004, district-wise and

(c) the Number of hand pumps proposed to be installed in the State during the current year, district wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a state subject. The Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in providing drinking water supply to the rural habitations by rendering financial assistance under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The ARWSP guidelines provide one hand-pump or stand post for every 250 persons. The State Governments are, however, empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute individual rural water supply projects from funds provided under ARWSP; and the data in regard to number of hand pumps installed or proposed to be installed are not maintained at the Central level.